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The District Attorney and a Tammany Indorsement.

Everybody but the fusion committee is able to appreciate the strength of District Attorney Whitman. "Boss" Murphy wants him upon his ticket. And Commissioner McCall, Murphy's candidate, wants him, too. "The Sun," an admirer of Mayor Gaynor, would like to bring about a reconciliation between Mayor Gaynor and Mr. Whitman, so that the Mayor also could have him upon his ticket. No party is willing to enter the race with the District Attorney running against it.

This unanimous desire for him as a candidate is flattering to him. It bespeaks the politicians' estimate of his strength. It is not flattering to the fusion committee, who failed to perceive that strength and rejected him as candidate for Mayor in favor of a much weaker man, partly to please Mr. Hearst, who now repudiates most of the fusion city ticket.

So far as the Committee of 107 is concerned Mr. Whitman is certainly free to take the Tammany nomination. The District Attorney is under no obligations to that committee. He has done already all that the committee can ask of him in the way of saving its ill conceived plans from utter shipwreck. And if the committee sincerely wants Mr. Whitman to be District Attorney it ought to be glad to see one of its candidates assured of election. The public certainly would be glad to be assured of the District Attorney's election.

But is it necessary for Mr. Whitman to take a nomination from Murphy to be sure of another term? The eagerness of Murphy and Judge McCall to get him on their ticket is proof enough of his extraordinary hold upon the city. They evidently fear lest he will prove strong enough not only to be re-elected, but to pull through the rest of the fusion ticket with him. And no act of the District Attorney's could so impress the public and so increase his already great strength as a refusal to allow his name to be used by Tammany Hall.

Mr. Whitman had a splendid opportunity to show his character and capacity for leadership when the fusion committee brought the anti-Tammany movement near to destruction. He made the most of it. He will have an equally splendid opportunity if Murphy offers him a Tammany nomination. Murphy will put him on the Tammany ticket only for the purpose of taking the edge off the anti-Tammany issue. Mr. Whitman is not the kind of man to help Murphy take the edge off the anti-Tammany issue.

accedes to a satisfactory degree to the friendly sug- Colonel Mulhall. gestions which have been made to him. In that

gress, which could have no other effect than to make the problem more difficult to solve.

We must also hope that the President's disclosures of his Mexican policy to European nations are similarly made for information only. Of course, Euro- effect in reducing the cost of living. A good many pean approval of his policy and intimations of that of the duties which it purposes removing have been fact to Mexico would be welcome. But it would be only "mental duties," and except here and thereintolerable to have them the object of the repre- in the sugar industry, for example-the removal or sentations. It is legitimate to let European govern- reduction of protection will not be likely to be felt ments know what we are doing in Mexico, but not to make an appeal to them to help us or to use their consumer. In many lines of production the tariff influence with Mexico in our behalf. This country has ceased to be the controlling fector in costs and is quite competent to deal with Mexico without European aid.

If, then, the message is delivered to-day, we must raged over tariff legislation. hope that it will be a convincing exposition of a sane and rational policy, which will give occasion for no Congressional or diplomatic controversy, but of Washington's oldest inhabitant. which will cause Congress and the nation to align themselves, silently but resolutely and unanimously, in support of the administration; and, above all, which will make that support perfectly obvious to the Mexican government. Divided counsels here would be disastrous. The assurance that this whole nation knows what its President is doing and supports him in it ought to be impressive, even to a Mexican dictator.

A Sad Case of Truth Told Too Late.

Mayor Gaynor's feelings ought to be soothed by the Mayoralty.

Kind hearts are more than coronets, and kind about trusteeship "in the profoundest sense" can words are sometimes a substitute for orders on the alter the fact, recognized by the world, that for pie counter. Murphy must have been touched to fifteen years we have been administering such a the marrow by the unexpected gratitude disclosed trusteeship with an unselfishness, a sincerity and a in the "kind words" letter. If Mr. McCall understood him aright, he was not only willing but anxious to do business for another four long years ord of his predecessors.

on a flowers of speech basis. It was most unfortunate that Murphy's inmost who made that their pursuit in life and whose their utmost to embarrass our government in its smug and sleek faces and figures are standing evi- work for the islands and to get it to scuttle out in- their sleeves!

dence that they wax rich and fat by filching, by this cunning way or that, the taxes paid into the treasury by their industrious and respectable neigh-

bors." In that case Mr. Gaynor could have recognized the worth of loyal friendship by eliminating one well known portrait from the gallery of "the smug and sleek." He would not have wished to do in-SUBSCRIPTION RATES.—By Mail, Postage Paid, outside of justice to a faithful admirer. Now reparation in the

Work and the Lazy.

It is evident that something more powerful than preaching will have to be brought into play to eradicate laziness from human nature. After a powerful sermon against this trait a Brooklyn clergyman offered a job to any workless individual who would take it. There were no takers. Perhaps the method of a Delaware judge in dealing with the same problem may prove more successful. Ruling that lazlness is a crime, according to Blackstone, he held a man under bail for trial on his wife's charge that he would not work.

Yet even that does not seem likely to prove effective in every case. If convicted, the individual may have to labor while in prison, but prison terms do not always produce lasting reform. He is likely to slide back into his old habit of letting somebody else do it. The genuinely lazy man is incapable of being reformed. He may have spells of work, as he has periods of illness, but work never becomes chronic with him. Perhaps it's just as well. Otherwise there would be no horrible examples to make the sweating workers feel virtuous.

Reckless Fusion Economy.

Each day the fusion ticket's supporters are producing fresh evidence to show why every loyal Tammany man should vote against Messrs. Mitchel, Prendergast and McAneny. The latest count against them is that they saved the city's money in large sums by the methods of purchasing supplies established by them. They prevented some poor people in the hospital service from enjoying melons at \$2 each and out-of-season strawberries at 75 cents a box. They compelled contractors selling coal to the city to furnish coal that would burn and give out heat. They found fault with the oats furnished for the horses that pull the city's wagons.

These members of the Board of Estimate whom the fusionists want to seat in that body again actually behaved as if the money they were spending was their own instead of the taxpayers'. They had no regard whatever for the feelings of poor contractors who only want to make a profit out of the city. They acted just as if they thought every contractor was a member of Tammany and had continently and let the Filipinos "stew in their own "Charley" Murphy for a silent partner. Fortunately, the Tammany Legislature was able to put a stop to their reckless saving of the public funds by refusing to pass their bill for a central purchasing bureau, and so saved many a contractor from going ate's desperate coaching and cramming to pass his out of business. But it is obvious that the city examination. The true policy is not to trump up must not be put into their reckless hands again, or its debt would be decreasing some fine day. Every good Tammany man must vote against them and text for setting the islands adrift at some artificially To the Editor of The Tribune. for Tammany handling of the pursestrings.

Lean Days for the Tariff Debaters.

only the income tax and administrative sections of ernment whether as an American colony or as an activities that more frequently deserve the Underwood tariff bill remain to be considered. independent state. That is the policy which has thus A vote on the bill in its entirety may come next far been pursued. If President Wilson departs from dened people. Public revenues have been week. It might just as well have come a month or it with his Tammany-trained and Tagalog-chosen shamefully wasted and squandered; the six weeks ago. The Senate has been dawdling along governor general the outcome will be regarded with public business conducted in a manner under the hallucination that the country was hang- grave apprehensions of calamity. ing breathless on its deliberations, whereas public A Mexican Message for Information Only. interest in the debate on the tariff bill has been en-It is not yet certain whether the President will tirely swamped by real first page happenings like leading inscriptions on the Gaynor League banner. the Sulzer "impeachment," the Thaw escape, the not do so if before the hour set for it General Huerta rows over the currency bill and the "confessions" of

It was not so when the McKinley, Wilson-Gorman view we may hope that the message will not be read. and Payne tariff bills were in their last stages. But if it is read because of General Huerta's re- Then the country felt that big stakes in a political calcitrancy we must hope that it will be for infor- as well as an economic sense were being fought for. matton only. It would be lamentable to have the There is an almost pathetic lack of public concern President make of it a counsel of despair, turning over the Underwood bill. If any considerable eleover to Congress a problem with which he was not ment in the country believed that the pending bill himself able to deal. It would be almost as bad to would upset industry generally and force material have the message serve as a pretext for an un-reductions in wages, that belief would be manifested bridled outburst of town meeting debates in Con- in a vigorous protest at Washington. But how many people have taken the trouble to get excited over the pending downward revision?

It seems fairly safe to assume from the prevalent apathy that the bill will have comparatively little to any great extent by either the producer or the profits, and a dim recognition of that fact has taken the life out of the flerce controversies which once

It has been a poor season for the tariff controversialists in Congress-the poorest in the memory

'Profoundest Sense" in the Philippines.

The reported policy of the President toward the Philippines would be more convincing if it did not so greatly savor of the astounding discovery that two and two make four. He is said to hold that this country is "in the profoundest sense" the trustee of those islands and is bound to administer them for the welfare of their people. But who of his predecessors ever for a moment failed to take and to maintain that identical view? There has never been the slightest question that the Islands were being ad-Mr. McCall's interesting revelation that Gaynor, not ministered for the good of their people or that more McCall, was Murphy's first choice for head of the has been done for the advancement of their interests city ticket. It will be comforting to His Honor to in one year of our rule than had been done in a know that the boss's heart still beat true to the century before. Indeed, much of the complaint made candidate of 1909, who after election publicly rec- by the advocates of scuttling has been that we were ommended a policy of "kind words" to the master doing too much for the islands at too great expense mind and master hand which had thrust him into to ourselves and that we ought to abandon them so as to get rid of the burden. No academic phrases success unsurpassed in human annals. In that respect President Wilson cannot improve upon the rec-

It is to be doubted if he can come within a long distance of equalling it, since he purposes to vest wish was not communicated to the Mayor before the execution of that trusteeship chiefly in a shallow the latter issued his statement congratulating him- and inexpert Tammany politician, who is reported self on not having turned the rentpayers and tax- to have been selected and urged for the place by payers over "to the spoliation of any organized band the representative of those who have been doing "SO THIS IS TAMMANY HALL!"



Nor is substantial good to be expected from a four years' campaign of "bending every energy to prepare for independence," which savors of an undergradusome superficial semblance of ability to go through the motions of self-government, so as to find a preselected date; but rather to develop not merely in a small ruling caste but in the whole Filipino people by a political organization primarily exan intelligence, a civic spirit, a familiarity with isting for spoils and plunder. The effigovernment and a substantial prosperity-in brief, a The Senate got through the free list yesterday, and civilization-that will make them fit for self-gov- this organization might be rewarded for

"No guzzling" and "No Tangoing" will be the and a sham.

Everybody will wish the Mayor luck with his fishing-for bluefish.

AS I WAS SAYING

Fiddle-dee-dee! The dance is on. Dashing Nor- ceived or expected. man has led off-blushing, but in huge spirits-with pretty "Harper's Weekly" on his arm. Many a of Tammany that golden stream which priceless toe has been trampled (Gaynor's, for one; Sulzer's, for another), and already there are jeers purpose to the henchmen who hold offrom the wallflowers. Sample jeer:

"Mr. Hapgood is high-headed and opinionated; he would not hesitate a moment to accept a position as the politics of this state. general manager of the universe. He is a supermuckraker. We regret that he was not present at

Now, we have numerous friends among the jeers and hate awfully to spank one, but discipline must and to whom public contracts are awardbe maintained. Brethren, we can forgive dander in a jeer-also snippiness, and, more or less, folly. be shared with any person or association What we resent, this time, is the garbling of a of persons, except in actual payment in classic epigram. The jeer should read: "If there ordinary course of business, and that all was a vacancy in the Trinity, Norman Hapgood persons so receiving salaries or payment

Well, maybe, and then again not. Probably the latter, so no more of this. Rather let us cast an eye on Norman's dancing. Take that new Tango step of his called "Exclusiveness and Love." Pretty that the grand juries in each and every risky! Starts off morally sound, to be sure, yet county in the state shall have the right winds up with a Shelley quotation favoring the gospel propounded at one time in the "Philistine" andif you happen to remember-the "Outlook."

Or consider Norman's alluring Diggs-Caminetti Glide. "It may or may not be wise for the government to undertake to regulate all the sex matters in the universe. The danger of a statute like the Mann made, directly or indirectly, by such act is that, in mixing up a cruel business with the payee of public funds to any political ordinary concerns of private individuals, it may bring about a reaction."

Except for the music and the gayety and the rollicking whirl of glee, we could find it in our heart to name a Hapgood who has come blamed near putting both feet in it. But who expects morals at a dance in these days? Everything goes.

Guess Norman will recover his balance, once he gets used to the excitement out yonder on the floor. Otherwise, won't he catch the dingbats from his fair contributor who writes, "How Men Look to Women." Chirps she: "Why does he do it so violently? If any woman at a club convention should carry on like that she would be removed and treated for hysterics."

Unfortunately, the journalistic passion for truth compels us to explain that the lady refers merely to courses. You say in your editorial head- has gained the respect of all who have the wondrous type we call the Solon. Sitting in the ed "Beware!": "A young Harvard grad-California Legislature, she has watched Solons these months. She has heard them spout,

Amazed at first and a trifle disgusted, she came later to perceive that the spouting was, "in part, copy for the newspapers, but chiefly the natural un- in court cases. The so-called American considered talk of the mischievous, irresponsible, unmoral boy that survives in every normal man and genius, and we love best to hoax the

Now, isn't that a nice, plump, motherly point of view? Yet we doubt if the Solons will like it. Pretty tough, after denouncing the "screaming sisterhood" for years, to have them cuddle down in the halls of government—so quietly, so indulgently—and laugh in their sleeves!

| Similar experiments under last and laugh articles of mine, for instance, the tember 23 Judge Werner's elements and laugh in their sleeves!

| Psychology of the Juryman," in this month's "Century," I am anxious to New York, Aug. 23, 1913.

THE PEOPLE'S COLUMN

REMEDY FOR TAMMANY

Cut Off Supply of Funds by Law, Says Reader.

Sir: New York State is dominated impaired that incompetent henchmen of imprisonment and penalty than fattening places at the expense of a tax burno prudent man would permit in the conduct of his private affairs. Representative government has become a farce

Not an office presumably within the under no circumstances to hand in the plished by women if they remain outside gift of the people is really theirs! No papers with the reply in case that they pilfering demands of this organization and none so high that its corrupting influence does not seek to control it!

The Tammany association is able to maintain organization because it shares in the profits of public contracts and in the salaries of those public officials who acknowledge obligation for favors re-

Destroy or divert from the treasury flows into it from corrupt sharing in public contracts and in the salaries and fice and very soon that organization will be powerless to influence and debauch

Let law declare that public funds, appropriated as salaries or otherwise in payment to those who labor or perform service in construction of public works ed, or who serve in the departments of government, or who hold office, shall not from the public funds shall be prohibit ed under proper and adequate penalty from contributing, directly or indirectly, to the support of any political association. And in order to determine violations of the law, let it be provided and they shall be directed, annually to require that every payee of public funds received in payment for labor or services performed, or as salaries for services in public office within each county, shall establish under oath whether or not payment or contribution has been association within this state during the year immediately preceding the date of such investigation THEODORE C ATCHISON.

New York, Aug. 22, 1913.

DEFENDS HIS TESTS

'Proffessor' Muensterberg Believes Honor, Not Humor, Dictated Papers. To the Editor of The Tribune Sir: In discussing Mr. Bok's recent

analysis of the letters of students in The Tribune of August 19 you turn to a surprising attack against my experi-

uate tells us how the learned and selfrevering Hugo Muensterberg was tricked upon which he later based a magazine article belittling the value of testimony sense of humor is often a perverted

gulls that ily high." As that magazine article, reprinted in

point out the following: The experi-

had yielded in the least to any ot

investigation

"perverted gentus,"

Clifton, Mass., Aug. 23, 1913.

To the Editor of the Tribune.

served to be impeached.

DESERVED IMPEACHMENT

Correspondent.

Sir: Why should many people have pity

for Governor Sulzer? He could not prove

Aaron J. Levy brought forth, so he de-

his innocence from the charges that

Lord knows how much grafting was

impulse but that to help the scientific

If your Harvard graduate witness

boasts now that he has nevertheless

succeeded in handing in a paper which

can hardly acknowledge that it speaks

only for a "sense of humor," and I am

FROM THE OUTSIDE IN ments to which your Harvard graduate refers were made in a class of about four Way Some Anti-Suffragists hundred Harvard students, all engaged Would Cleanse Politics.

An Open Forum for

Public Debate.

in studying psychology. Before we began with those experiments I said to To the Editor of the Tribune. them that such tests might be a temp-Sir: What Paul might have thought of tation for some to show their wit and woman suffrage certainly seems immatecleverness by giving amusing answers rial, as expressed by a Tribune reader in instead of scholarly correct ones, or to last Saturday's issue. What is more relmake practical jokes. I added that it evant is the consideration of the question would be easy to prevent that by exterof its present day disadvantages. James ter to rely on their sense of honor and F. Morton, jr., seems to have an exalted to beg only those to take part in the "degrading subjection" of women by experiments who are willing to pledge for the perfect honesty of their papers; their exclusion therefrom, which is not shared by all sympathizers of female every so-called joke would have simply the character of a fraud unworthy of a franchise. Some of the feminine advo cates of the "cause" claim a desire to student of philosophy. All this was enter politics for the purpose of purifytold them before the experiments start-ed. When they were completed, at the end of the hour, I appealed once more opponents, on the other hand, believe that to their sense of honor and urged them such rescue work an be best accompapers with the reply in case that they

ALICE EDITH ABELL New York, Aug. 23, 1913.

AGAINST SEGREGATION

was dictated by the desire to trick me t Negro Says Federal Departments Are

inclined to believe that his act of dis- To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: The attempt of the Wilson admin honesty must have been so exceptional that I have still the right to consider istration to reduce the negro to serfdom the replies of the class as a whole as and to set up a white man's government trustworthy and reliable. And, finally, in a republican form of government is s to Mr. Bok's experience: I received growing more pronounced each day. The during the last week two letters from policy of the administration relative to university students who both addressed the segregation of negroes in the various me as "Proffessor." Of course, I ac- federal departments is bringing about con knowledge that the "ff," too, may have ditions for the negro little better than been only a trick and the discharge of fifty years ago, when the two sections of the country were fighting for the over throw of that damnable institution slavery. President Wilson has clearly in dicated that he believes in the theory "this is a white man's country, to be ruled absolutely by white men." The base utterances of the Vardaman type are not only hurting the negro, but are beginning to re-Sulzer Didn't Prove Innocence, Says act upon the white man. It is now time that the better element of the white race should rise and assert itself against the

debauchery of the ideals of this country by that horde of Southern sensationalists As a negro who believes that the Vardaman element is not expressive of this country. I appeal to the higher element

conducted by the preceding Democratic Governors of this state.

HUGO MUENSTERBERG.

Arverne, N. Y., Aug. 23, 1913. WERNER FOR CHIEF JUDGE

Good Record and Seniority His Quali-

fications. To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Will you allow me to urge the wisdom of the choice of William E. Werner On the retirement of Judge Cullen, Judge Werner will be the senior elected judge, and he stands high in the estimation of his fellow judges, the bar and the people. Throughout his career Mr. Werner has exhibited all the traits of a high-minded jurist, and his record is characterized by

dignity, impartiality and great learning. Mr. Werner has been on the bench nearments with students in my lecture ly thirty years, and during that period he come before him.

In these days, when loyal, upright judges are regarded with more than ordinary

in his psychological test of sophomores pride, it behooves the electors to place in the Court of Appeals a chief whose probity and learning are recognized. I trust that both the Republican and Democratic committees will combine to

place this judge in nomination, and I have no doubt that the electors will demonstrate their opinion of the man who is my book, "On the Witness Stand," is the natural and ideal selection for the postill often pointed to by lawyers, and as sition of Chief Judge of the Court of Apsimilar experiments underlie also later peals. At the convention to meet on September 23 Judge Werner's election should

New York, Aug. 23, 1913. THE TALK OF THE DAY.

CLEVELAND G. ALLEN

From Germany comes this story about a novelist and an editor. The editor had ordered a story of a certain length, and the novelist had written several hundred words too many. In order to make the story fit the space the last few paragraphs were condensed into a single sentence. This is the way it read: "Von Berken took a small glass of whiskey, his hat, his departure, no notice of his puras Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals? suers, a revolver out of his pocket, and, finally, his life."

She-Just think of it: the pitcher on our ball team gets more money than our minister does. He—Yes, but the pitcher has a better

A correspondent of "The London Chronicle" expresses his surprise that so few of the old hansom cabs are left, in view of the fact that there are still many persons who, for sentimental reasons, would choose one in preference to a taxi. "There is no doubt that in many cases they are the more economical method of travelling, in Central London, at least," says "The Chronicle," "for in the constant blocks in the traffic the taximeter absorbs twopences at a great rate. And then there are the American visitors to be considered, to whom a ride in one of the old hansoms is one of the things to be done. It seems not impossible that we may live to see a partial revival of the

Mr. Knagg-It may be true, as you say, you were too young to marry me.

Mrs. Knagg—Don't try to shift the
blame—you were too old for me.—Chicago
News.

gondola of London.